(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some of the Southern States including Andhra Pradesh had submitted a Memorandum to the Prime Minister for increasing per tonne concession on phosphatic fertilizers.

(c) Government of India has announced enhancement of per tonne concession on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers with effect from 6th July, 1996. The rates of concession for different products prior to 6th July, 1996 and with effect from 6th July, 1996 are indicated below:—

(figures in per M/Ts)

Products	Prior to 6th July	w.e.f. 6th July
DAP (ind.)	1000/-	3000/-
Imported DAP	NIL	1500/-
MOP	1000/-	1500/-
SSP	340/-	500/-
Ind. Complexes	435-999/-	1304-2633/-

Criteria for New Railway Zones

3297. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria on the basis of which a place is decided as the headquarter of a railway zone;

(b) whether the newly announced six places as zonal headquarters conform to these criteria;

(c) if so, the details in each case; and

(d) whether Bilaspur (M.P.) has been denied its ligitimate claim despite fulfilling all these criteria?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) New zones are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload and accessibility, traffic patterns and other operating/ administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency.

(b) and (c) These factors had been kept in view while deciding on the creation of the new zones.

(d) The issue of reorganisation had been examined earlier by the Railway Reforms Committee and recently by an Advisers Committee neither of which had recommended the location of a zonal headquarter at Bilaspur.

"Pollution Control by Various Industrial Units"

3298. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister for ENVIRORNMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had asked different steel plants as well as aluminium and alumina plants to take adequate pollution control measures; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by these steel, aluminium and Alumina plants in that direction during the Eighth plan and the amount spent by each plant in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Most of the steel and aluminium plants have initiated necessary measures to provide pollution control facilities to meet the prescribed environmental standards. The information relating to amount spent by these plants, in this regard, is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.